



August 2, 2026

“Do This in
Remembrance”

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Jennifer Jaimes

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

Gathering Music

Ring of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting “Everlasting God”

Brown/Riley

...acknowledging the light of Christ among us

please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Spark of Goodness

Beryl Garloff

SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

* = Sitting or standing

NCH = New Century Hymnal

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Wherever we are in the world, God calls us: to prepare – to remember –
to share – to worship – to be formed and transformed as God’s people.

**With our neighbors near and far, we gather: at tables – in homes – outdoors –
and virtually, recognizing the time is now, God’s kingdom is near.**

Come, for all is ready.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #332)** “As We Gather at Your Table”

Centering Ourselves *...in stillness and breath*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your
will and follow in our ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(time of silent confession)

Musical Interlude *... to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Passing the Peace *(seated)*

...smiles and gestures of peace — to those online and seated near us

Sung Invitation *...as young people come forward*

This little light of mine...

Singing “Happy Birthday”

Terri Powell (8/3), John Siegel (8/4)

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another

...with arms wide open

Young Ones: God be with you

All: And also with you

Sung Affirmation

...as young people depart or return to families

Ev'rywhere I go...

“Rooted and Growing” | Children (age 3+) and youth can join Eli’jah for an activity
Nursery | Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to utilize the downstairs nursery
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Reading from the Older Testament | NRSV, p. 58

Exodus 12:1–28

One: Here ends the readings. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Morning Message

“Do This in Remembrance”

Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Rev. Jennifer if you prefer yours not be printed in our Prayer Corner*

...God, in your love **Hear our prayer**

Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father and Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy kindom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)

Blue electronic giving cards found in pew pockets.



***Song of Thanks**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Holy God, You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.

*Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive love*

The Invitation

In beauty and mystery,
We see the face of God.
In the common and the ordinary,
We know the love of Christ.
In the bread and the cup,
We taste the presence of God.
In the song and in the embrace,
We share the joy of faith.

Communion Hymn (NCH #349) "I Come with Joy"
verses 1-3

Prayers

You invite us, Holy One.....And so we join the song of witnesses long past and yet to come:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Telling the Story

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a cup of juice, receiving words of blessing
Place your empty cup in a basket as you return to your seat*

Musical Interlude *... as we participate in the sacred meal*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have fed and nurtured us with your word and at this table with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Closing Hymn (NCH #349)** “I Come with Joy”
verses 4-5

*Benediction

***Sending Song** *...forming a circle (not holding hands)*

Irish Blessing
sung twice

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
Till we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand**

***Parting Music** *...as we greet one another*

Today Following Worship:

10:30 am | All are welcome downstairs for refreshments and good company!

PRAYER CORNER

*With Betsy Runke, gratitude for donations, volunteers, and care this community shares with our **Wednesday Supper** guests – 53 people last week!

*For **Bryce and Velda**, prayers for them as they mourn the recent passing of his father and begin to sort out all that comes next.

*For Dave's brother, **Paul**, prayers of healing after suffering through a long illness and now sick with pneumonia.

*For a **co-worker**, prayers for resources and help as they suffer with mental health issues.

*For a **4-year old grandniece**, prayers for healing and wellness after a recent heart surgery.

*For Mary Piasecki's friend, **Rebecca**, as she heals from surgery to remove a brain tumor.

*For Bob Dickie, and his dog **Toby**, who was diagnosed with kidney failure – may the next days be filled with love and care.

*With Pastor Jennifer, prayers for a **friend** with multiple health issues and now receiving dialysis three days a week amid complications. Prayers for caretakers that advocate for the care he needs, and continued hope and healing.

All-Church Potluck @ Sharri Kinhead's farm (Hudson)

Tuesday, August 4th | 6 pm

Directions to Sharri's house:

94E to Hudson; take Exit 2 (Carmichael Rd/County Rd F)

Take a right at the light;

Go approximately 2 miles;

Camp St. Croix on right, Rivercrest School on left; farmhouse on left;

SLOW DOWN and put blinkers on once past the guard rail on right – traffic can be heavy and swift!

She will have a sign and/or balloons.

Her driveway is on the right but hidden due to foliage!

Her long white picket fence and Bessie the cow are still there!

Please bring chairs – She has about a dozen for those that don't.





Soup & Shop is Coming!

What is it? Our annual event to raise funds and welcome neighbors!
300+ people come through our doors!

What is it famous for? A festive atmosphere!
Delicious lunch (*10 kinds of soup!*), warm hospitality, interesting vendors with unique crafts, beautiful porch pots and wreaths, and a bountiful bake sale.

When is it? Nov. 21st *Save the date!*

What can I do to help? Make a plan to participate!
This event requires “all hands on deck,” with a job for everyone – greeter, soup maker, baker, cashier, server, clean-up crew. Sign-up sheets will be posted downstairs soon!

What can I do to help now? Try out our planning team!
Do you have experience with other festivals or fundraising?
Are you a whiz at marketing? Can you brainstorm new ideas and then help make them happen?

**The first planning meeting for Soup & Shop is
Monday, August 3rd at 6 pm. Please come!**

Questions? Call Mary Horak Binger at 651-357-8601.



Outdoor Worship This Summer

@ Lakeside Park Beach House (95 Central Ave, Bayport)

Join us in worshipping down by the river on these dates:

August 9 & 23

Sabbatical Support Team

Mary Horak Binger, Pastoral Relations & Finance Committees
(out of town 8/4—8/11)

Nat Graf, Moderator & Personnel Committee (out of town 7/29 - 8/4)

Debbie Knox, Welcome & Care Team

Dan Warnes, hospice chaplain & church member at large

Eli'jah Carroll, Youth Coordinator (staff)

Megan Adams, Office Coordinator (staff)

This team is available to visit when you need a listening ear or a caring presence
(during an unexpected hospitalization, other challenging circumstances etc).

Megan (651-439-5667, office@stcroixunitedchurch.org) and

Nat (651-470-0408, ngraf11@gmail.com)

will serve as main lines of contact,
though we welcome you to reach out to any of us.

Thank you to today's partners: Rev. Jennifer Jaimez (Guest Preacher), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flutist & fellowship), Jane Hanson & Gary Piasecki (ushers), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Kathleen Dennison (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Jane Hanson (communion preparer), Carol Dusbabek, Mary Maren Bjork, Mary Horak Binger (communion servers), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Betsy Runke (children's activity assistant), Sharri Kinkead (altar flowers)



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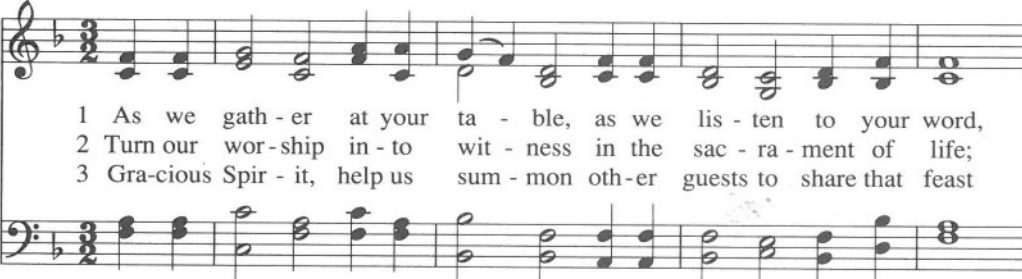
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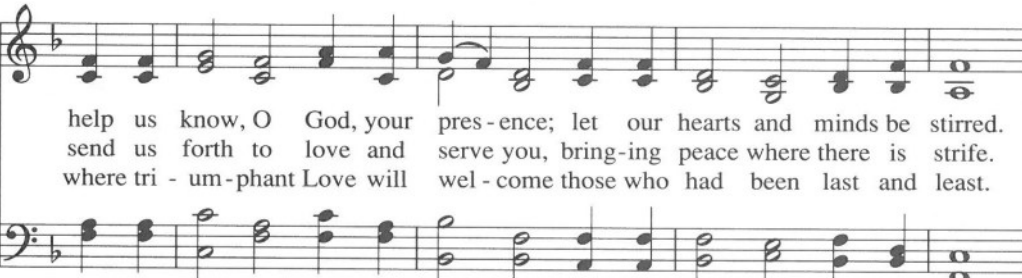
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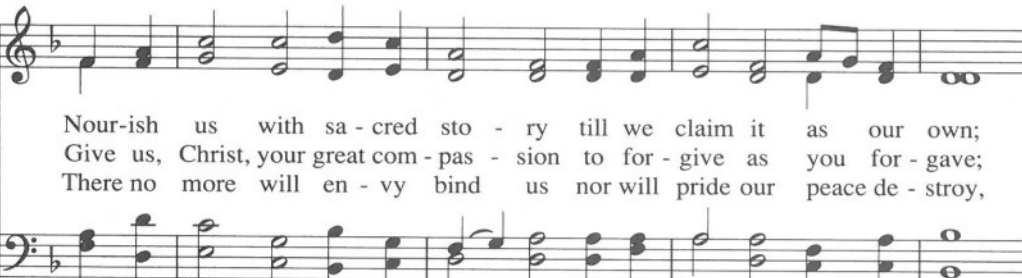
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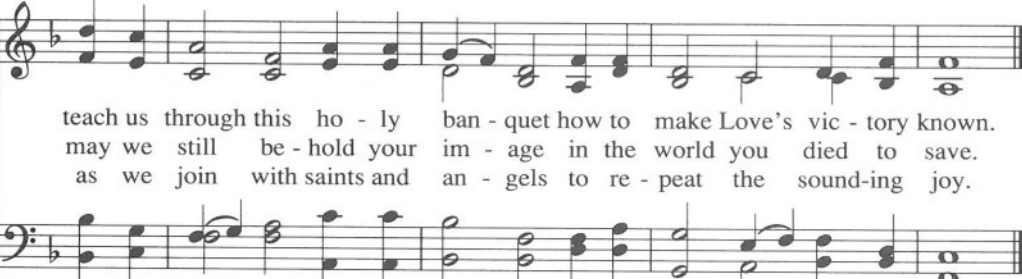
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977